

unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of H. Con. Res. 361, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28th.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the U.S. Southern Command. Testimony was heard from GEN Bantz J. Craddock, USA, Commander, U.S. Southern Command, Department of Defense.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—SPACE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for space activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ronald M. Sega, Under Secretary; and LTG Frank G. Klotz, USAF, both with the Department of the Air Force; and Donald M. Kerr, Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST NAVY AND AIR FORCE ACQUISITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force Aviation Acquisition Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management; and Michael J. Hazard, Assistant Director, Acquisition Sourcing Management Team; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Kenneth J. Krieg, Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; VADM Lewis W. Crenshaw, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Resources, Requirements and Assessments; LTG John G. Castellaw, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; and LTG Carrol H. Chandler, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements, U.S. Air Force.

KEY BUDGET PROCESS REFORMS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Key Budget Process Reforms. Testimony was heard from

former Senator Don Nickles of Oklahoma; and from the following former Representatives: William E. Frenzel of Minnesota and Charles W. Stenholm of Texas.

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled "Mine Safety and Health: A Congressional Perspective." Testimony was heard from Representatives Capito, Murphy, Rahall, Davis of Alabama, Holt, Mollohan and Chandler.

ELECTRIC HEALTH RECORDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals To Promote Electronic Health Records and a Smarter Health Information System." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3997, Financial Data Protection Act 2005; and H.R. 4973, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2006.

LEAVE NO COMPUTER SYSTEM BEHIND

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Leave No Computer System Behind: A Review of the 2006 Federal Computer Security Scorecards." Testimony was heard from Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; Karen S. Evans, Administrator, Office of E-Government and Information Technology, OMB; Thomas P. Hughes, Chief Information Officer, SSA; Thomas Wiesner, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Department of Labor; Robert F. Lentz, Director, Information Assurance, Department of Defense; and Scott Charbo, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2006

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4439, Transportation Security Administration Reorganization Act of 2005.

SAFE PORT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity held a hearing on H.R. 4954, Security and Accountability for Every Port Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jayson Ahern, Assistant

Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection; and CAPT. Brian Salerno, USCG, Deputy Director, Inspections and Compliance, U.S. Coast Guard; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on Monitoring Respect for Human Rights Around the World: A Review of the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2005. Testimony was heard from Barry Lowenkron, Assistant Secretary, Bureau for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL SENTENCING GUIDELINES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on United States v. Booker: One Year Later—Chaos or Status Quo? Testimony was heard from William Mercer, Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General and U.S. Attorney General for the District of Montana, Department of Justice; Ricardo H. Hinojosa, Chairman, United States Sentencing Commission; Paul G. Cassell, Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Utah; and a public witness.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT COMPLIANCE COSTS

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 4857, To better inform consumers regarding costs associated with compliance for protecting endangered and threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Greg Delwiche, Vice President, Environment, Fish and Wildlife, Bonneville Power Administration; and Michael S. Hacskaylo, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—IMPACT OF HURRICANES ON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the National Wildlife Refuge System. Testimony was heard from H. Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; W. Parke Moore III, Assistant Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, State of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BUSINESS STRATEGIES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing entitled “National

Park Service business strategies, including the development and implementation of National Park Service business plans.” Testimony was heard from Bruce Sheaffer, Comptroller, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

EPA’S SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUDGET PROPOSAL

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing on EPA’s Fiscal Year 2007 Science and Technology Budget Proposal. Testimony was heard from George Gray, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development and Science Advisor, EPA; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS CYBER SECURITY

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on the State of Small Business Security in a Cyber Economy. Testimony was heard from Cita M. Furlani, Acting Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Larry D. Johnson, Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigative Division, United States Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; Lydia Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Steven M. Martinez, Deputy Assistant Director, Cyber Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

PIPELINE SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Pipeline Safety. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Brigham McCown, Acting Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration; and Todd J. Zinser, Acting Inspector General; Kate Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Robert J. Chipkevich, Director, Office of Railroad, Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VA COMPENSATION/PENSION BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held an oversight hearing on the accuracy of benefits information provided to, and the quality of service received by, individuals calling into the Veterans Benefits Administration. Testimony was heard from Jack McCoy, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

USE OF TAX-PREFERRED BOND FINANCING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on the Use of Tax-Preferred Bond Financing. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shaw and Brady of Texas; Eric Solomon, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; Donald Marron, Acting Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER HIGH-RISK ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on Social Security Number High-Risk Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of SSA: Patrick P. O'Carroll, Inspector General; and Frederick G. Streckewald, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL/UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global/Updates. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT AND DOCUMENT ANNEX

Select Bipartisan Committee To Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: Ordered reported the Select Committee's Supplementary Report and Document Annex.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 17, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.